



1 project called the "MCCS" Mission, which related to the  
2 control of L. RON HUBBARD of all aspects of the Church of  
3 Scientology.

4 4. In January 1980, I was approved for a project by L.  
5 RON HUBBARD to collect materials about his life for the pur-  
6 pose of providing such documentation for a biography to be  
7 written by Omar V. Garrison. Between that time and December  
8 1981, I collected thousands of pages of documents, many of  
9 which are in the personal handwriting of L. RON HUBBARD and  
10 which prove, beyond question, that Mr. HUBBARD had continually  
11 misrepresented himself, his accomplishments, qualifications,  
12 credentials, and physical and mental health history. For  
13 example, Mr. HUBBARD's physical, emotional and mental health  
14 history has been totally misrepresented to the public as being  
15 perfect. In fact, shortly before Mr. HUBBARD'S disappearance,  
16 I personally observed him, I was personally knowledgeable of  
17 his state of health at the time, and I have personal knowledge  
18 of numerous documents relating to his health history including  
19 his Veteran's Administration files, Naval files, and corres-  
20 pondence. Shortly before Mr. HUBBARD disappeared, he was in a  
21 state of very poor mental, emotional and physical health. I  
22 personally observed him fly into maniacal rages over trifling  
23 items, and display other symptoms of serious incompetency and  
24 emotional instability. In late 1977, Mr. HUBBARD wrote a  
25 letter in which he indicated that his health was very poor but  
26 that it was not desirable public knowledge that his poor state  
27 of health be made known. In that correspondence, he alluded  
28 to his suffering from pulmonary embolisms, duodenal ulcers,

1 chronic viral pneumonia, and othe such problems. At the same  
2 time as Mr. HUBBARD wrote the previous letter, he was sending  
3 orders to Church officials to represent to the public that he  
4 was in great physical, mental and emotional health. In short,  
5 Mr. HUBBARD, based upon my own personal observations of him,  
6 is deluded and unable to properly perceive reality. Another  
7 such example of misrepresentation and inability to perceive  
8 reality relates to a dispatch that he wrote to the highest  
9 Scientology officials shortly before his disappearance in  
10 which he stated that the creation of Scientology as a  
11 "religion" was not his idea but had come about when the  
12 membership of Scientology in the early 1950's, unbeknownst to  
13 him, had voted to form a "church." I personally saw and read  
14 that dispatch. This statement is a total lie.

15 5. Misrepresentation, fraud, and inability to perceive  
16 reality, and collusive connection between the Church of  
17 Scientology and L. RON HUBBARD is also demonstrated by the  
18 fact that the highest officials of the Church of Scientology,  
19 including David Miscavige and others, have totally misrepre-  
20 sented Mr. HUBBARD's status within the Church. For example,  
21 in the 1970's, Mr. HUBBARD had received millions of dollars  
22 through a front corporation called Religious Research  
23 Foundation, specifically set up to funnel money to him, which  
24 should have been paid to the Church of Scientology. At a  
25 strategy meeting held on September 29, 1980, after Mr.  
26 HUBBARD's disappearance, and when Mr. HUBBARD's whereabouts  
27 were unknown, numerous conflicting statements were made by  
28 high-ranking Church officials as to their ability to



1 communicate with Mr. HUBBARD. This conversation was tape-  
2 recorded with the knowledge of all present. The tape-  
3 recording reveals the fraudulent nature in which Church  
4 officials design strategies to deceive the public as to the  
5 status of Mr. HUBBARD.

6 6. Based on my ten years of observations within the  
7 Church of Scientology, I have personal knowledge that there  
8 has been a continued pattern of fraudulent statements and  
9 conduct by high Church officials relative to their relation-  
10 ship and the Church's relationship with Mr. HUBBARD. Another  
11 such example is the signing of Mr. HUBBARD's name by high  
12 level Church officials and the notarization of documents by  
13 Church members purporting to have been notarized in the  
14 company of Mr. HUBBARD and others. For example, I have per-  
15 sonal knowledge that Bonnie M. Gang routinely notarized docu-  
16 ments in California on behalf of Church officials where the  
17 individuals who supposedly signed the documents never appeared  
18 before Bonnie Gang as a notary public. This was routine prac-  
19 tice. I also have personal knowledge that individuals such as  
20 Pat Brice and Joyce Popham and others routinely signed Mr.  
21 HUBBARD's signature to correspondence and other docuemnts  
22 where such documents were held out to the public and to third  
23 parties as personally coming from L. RON HUBBARD. I have  
24 personally observed this being done on a routine basis. In  
25 fact, I currently have possession of a book, which was  
26 allegedly autographed by L. RON HUBBARD, but I know that the  
27 signature of HUBBARD was in fact signed by Pat Brice. I also  
28 have knowledge that it was routine practice of the Church of

1 Scientology to sell such books as personal autographed copies  
2 of books of L. RON HUBBARD for a price in the range of  
3 approximately \$500.00 when in fact Mr. HUBBARD never signed  
4 them.

5 7. I have personal knowledge tht it was Mr. HUBBARD'S  
6 intent to establish a permanent residence in Southern  
7 California on or after May 1976, and I personally participated  
8 in numerous activities to establish this residence. The facts  
9 are as follows:

10 a. In late May 1976, I drove with three  
11 other people, Gary Reisdorf, then my  
12 assistant, Clarise Barnett, and Jill  
13 Goodman, Commodore's Messenger Org  
14 members who worked for L. RON HUBBARD,  
15 to Los Angeles where we met with Duke  
16 Snyder, then Deputy Guardian U.S.,  
17 second in command of the United States  
18 Guardian's Office of the Church of  
19 Scientology.

20 b. I was taken by Duke Snyder to Culver  
21 City, California where we set up three  
22 apartment units with telex machines  
23 and mail and freight lines so that  
24 Mr. HUBBARD could communicate through  
25 the Guardian's Office to Church of  
26 Scientology organizations throughout  
27 the world.

28 c. In early June 1976, Mary Sue Hubbard,

1                   then controller of the Guardian's  
2                   Office, and her personal staff arrived  
3                   and set up residence and operations.  
4                   A few days later Mr. HUBBARD arrived  
5                   with his staff and similarly set up  
6                   residence and operations at this  
7                   Culver City "staging area." This  
8                   was a staging area for the purchase  
9                   of a home and property for Mr. HUBBARD  
10                  in LaQuinta, California. I had  
11                  personal knowledge of a number of  
12                  projects regarding the requirements  
13                  for the LaQuinta property including  
14                  the availability of cable T.V.

15                  d. In late 1976, Mr. HUBBARD moved to  
16                  LaQuinta. In the fall of 1978, Mr.  
17                  HUBBARD ordered various renovations  
18                  to his property at LaQuinta, which I  
19                  participated in including the removal  
20                  of all fiberglass insulation, the  
21                  cleaning of all ducting, tiling  
22                  projects, carpeting projects, air  
23                  conditioning cleaning, and the  
24                  inventorying of his personal  
25                  belongings.

26                  E. In late 1978, Mr. HUBBARD approved  
27                  for purchase, a five-hundred acre  
28                  golf course and resort complex at

1                   Gilman Hotsprings, near Hemet,  
2                   California and about 40 miles west  
3                   of the LaQuinta property. It was  
4                   determined at that time, that Mr.  
5                   HUBBARD's permanent residence would  
6                   be at Gilman Hotsprings, California.  
7                   I have personal knowledge from  
8                   hundreds of dealings with high level  
9                   Church officials and with Mr.HUBBARD  
10                  that it was his intent to establish  
11                  a residency at this location at that  
12                  time. I was personally involved in  
13                  the renovations of the house at Gilman  
14                  Hotsprings that was ordered by him  
15                  including the stripping of attic  
16                  insulation, re-wiring of the house,  
17                  tiling and carpeting projects, complete  
18                  interior redecorating, and numerous  
19                  other such projects, including the  
20                  installation of a sophisticated  
21                  television antenna system ordered by  
22                  Mr. HUBBARD.

23                  f. During most of 1979, I personally super-  
24                  vised the renovation of Mr. HUBBARD's  
25                  office suite at Gilman Hotsprings,  
26                  California including tiling, carpeting  
27                  air conditioning, decorating and various  
28                  bathroom projects



1 g. During all of 1979 and until his dis-  
2 appearance in March 1980, Mr. HUBBARD  
3 lived, along with about ten personal  
4 staff members, while his Gilman Hotsprings  
5 home was being renovated, in an apartment  
6 complex in Hemet about five miles from  
7 the Gilman Hotsprings property. I was  
8 then in charge of Mr. HUBBARD's personal  
9 household unit at Gilman Hotsprings and  
10 had to insure that his van in which he  
11 travelled was able to move about the  
12 property without being followed.

13 h. Mr. HUBBARD stored on the Gilman  
14 Hotsprings property his personal  
15 belonging consisting of furniture,  
16 bedding, art pieces, household goods,  
17 appliances, papers and writings, and  
18 one of my assistants was responsible  
19 for the storage and inventorying of  
20 these belongings.

21 i. In the summer of 1979, on the orders  
22 of HUBBARD and Kima Douglas, my senior,  
23 I became involved in a project to build  
24 Mr. HUBBARD a completely new house near  
25 Hemet. I was personally involved with  
26 the architectural plans for this property  
27 and saw an order from Mr. HUBBARD to have  
28 built around the property a high-block



1 wall with openings for gun implacements.  
2 I had blueprints made of the plans and  
3 obtained a great deal of information for  
4 Bary Stein, Mr. HUBBARD's architect. I  
5 was assigned to locate the property upon  
6 which the home could be built and one of  
7 the requirements was that it would be  
8 within a half-hour drive of Gilman  
9 Hotsprings, California. Other require-  
10 ments were that it be in a non-black  
11 area, dust-free, defensible, with no  
12 surrounding higher areas, and build on  
13 bedrock. After I located a property, I  
14 sent the proposal to Mr. HUBBARD which he  
15 approved and I was given a deposit to  
16 open an escrow fund.

17 j. In connection with the property to build  
18 HUBBARD's house in the Gilman Hotsprings  
19 area, I also dealt with Bill Robertson,  
20 an engineer, relative to an earthquake  
21 fault that ran near the property. I  
22 also worked on a project in connection  
23 with the construction of Mr. HUBBARD's  
24 movie studio office on the Gilman  
25 Hotsprings property during 1979. Mr.  
26 HUBBARD approved the funds for all of  
27 these projects.

28 8. In March 1980, Mr. HUBBARD disappeared from Hemet,

1 California. At the time of his disappearance, two high level  
2 Scientology staff members, Pat Broeker and Ann Broeker, also  
3 disappeared with him. After his disappearance, Mr. HUBBARD  
4 was never seen or heard from again by any of us who had worked  
5 closely with him for more than a decade. After Mr. HUBBARD  
6 disappeared, David Miscavige assumed complete control of all  
7 Scientology organizations, based upon the alleged authority  
8 that he was the only person in direct communication with L.  
9 RON HUBBARD. It has been the policy and practice of those  
10 persons in senior positions in the Church of Scientology, such  
11 as David Miscavige and others to lie about Mr. HUBBARD's  
12 involvement with Scientology, his control of operations and  
13 finances, his whereabouts, his health, his mental and  
14 emotional competency and stability, and other such issues.  
15 For example, in 1976, in order to hide the fact from other  
16 Scientologists and from the public that Mr. HUBBARD had left  
17 the area of Clearwater, Florida, he had one of his personal  
18 staff from the neighboring town of Dunedin sign his name to  
19 dispatches sent to him from Scientology staff members. This  
20 staff member, Joyce Popham, was so proficient at forging his  
21 signature and handwriting that she wrote messages like "very  
22 well done," "thank you very much" and similar things in Mr.  
23 HUBBARD's handwriting back to organization staff who knew his  
24 writing. The forgeries were never discovered. The practice  
25 of having one of his staff sign his signature was on Mr.  
26 HUBBARD's order and was very common. Staff members whom I  
27 knew personally to have signed Mr. HUBBARD's name to letters,  
28 contracts or legal documents in inscriptions in books were:

1 Aletheia Taylor, Janice Kennedy, Laurie Jensen, Joyce Popham,  
2 Sue Anderson and Laurel Sullivan.

3 9. It has also been the policy and practice of persons  
4 in senior positions in Scientology to originate communications  
5 in Mr. HUBBARD'S name as pretending to come from Mr. HUBBARD,  
6 without these communications ever being shown to him. The  
7 purpose of this is to create an impression that Mr. HUBBARD  
8 was doing something he actually wasn't or was somewhere he  
9 actually wasn't. Persons that I knew personally to have  
10 originated such communications were: Laurel Sullivan, Sue  
11 Anderson, Aletheia Taylor, Pat Price and Laurie Jensen.

12 10. I also knew it was the policy and practice of Mr.  
13 HUBBARD and those in senior positions in Scientology to  
14 actually lie about HUBBARD'S whereabouts and activities. I  
15 was personally involved in a massive operation to locate and  
16 destroy all evidence concerning HUBBARD'S connection to the  
17 Church of Scientology, control over its organizations and  
18 finances, his location and other such documents. In Gilman  
19 Hotsprings, California, I was required to destroy all the  
20 memos I had received from HUBBARD ordering work to be done on  
21 his house and his properties. I was also ordered to destroy  
22 any other evidence of Mr. HUBBARD'S mental and emotional  
23 illnesses, his fraudulent and misrepresented background, and  
24 the various tortious and criminal activities of the Church of  
25 Scientology. However, many of these documents I did not  
26 destroy but maintained possession of as part of the project  
27 HUBBARD assigned me to in connection with the preparation of  
28 his biography. These documents are currently on file in the



1 Los Angeles Superior Court in the case of Church of  
2 Scientology v. Armstrong. In that case, I was sued by the  
3 Church of Scientology of California and I have counter-sued L.  
4 RON HUBBARD in connection with the right to possess these  
5 documents. However, Mr. HUBBARD has failed to appear and  
6 claim said documents, notwithstanding the fact that his wife,  
7 Mary Sue Hubbard, has intervened in the action and has claimed  
8 that the documents belonged to her, that her husband has a  
9 right of privacy in the documents, and that the documents are  
10 worth millions of dollars. The Los Angeles Superior Court has  
11 recently denied Mary Sue Hubbard claim to obtain possession of  
12 the documents and the documents are currently under seal in  
13 said court.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing  
15 is true and correct.

16 Executed this 12th day of May, 1983 at Los Angeles,  
17 California.

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